

Dear Ms. Legros;

I wish to express my support for House bill 5661. I was a victim of a custody trial where my son was given to his mother, who was a child abuser. It can be proved that the FRO, the GaL, and the AMC, were all working with the mother's attorney. It took two more years (and a change of venue for the FRO study) to undo the damages - my son's opinion was NEVER honestly heard in the first trial, and he did NOT have legal representation. He was 12 when it started, and the abuse was documentable at the time.

I believe the voices of children 12 years old and older MUST be heard by the court, and directly from the the child, as there are too many incentives for the "professionals" to skew the outcome of these hearings.

I would be MORE than glad to testify in support of HB 5661 at a Public Hearing... including the presentation of hard, irrefutable evidence that the custody courts are "for sale"... all the way from the Office of the FRO, to the Judge's bench.

There is a growing awareness of the selling of children in the Stamford Family court, by parents that were victims of these problems - it would go a long way to help, if the child's voice was able to reach the judges.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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